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In the matter of: **Comfort Roberts**
5231 Ginger Rise
San Antonio, TX 78253

License #242439

Date offered: **July 8, 2013**

Date offer expires: **July 29, 2013**

CONSENT ORDER

To facilitate a conclusion to the allegations against Comfort Roberts, LPN, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners does hereby offer this consent order. The allegations include:

It came to the attention of the board that the respondent had disciplinary action taken on his practical nursing license in the state of Texas in 2009. Review of his 2010 Louisiana renewal application, indicated that he falsified his application by failing to report his Texas action to the board as required.

In reviewing his 2010 renewal application, the respondent answered "**NO**" to question **I**, SINCE YOUR LAST RENEWAL, HAVE YOU: had any disciplinary action, consent order or settlement imposed, including entering a chemical impaired program, or is any disciplinary action pending on your license in any state (including Louisiana)?

According to information received from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, the respondent was disciplined by the Texas Board of Nursing in 2009. The respondent entered into an agreement with the Texas Board of Nursing. He was issued a warning with stipulations and a fine on 2/10/2009 for practicing as a professional nurse without a license on March 12, 19, and 26, 2006 while employed with Nurse Finders. On or about February 2006 and March 2006, the respondent submitted an altered on-line verification document to Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital. The on-line verification document had been altered to indicate that the respondent held a registered nurse compact Texas license, when in fact he did not.

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Based on the evidence submitted, the board has concluded that **Mr. Roberts** is in violation of the following provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 37, Chapter 11. Nurses, Part II. Practical Nurses, Section 969 A. 4. **(a) is guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice practical nursing; (f) is guilty of unprofessional conduct; (g) has violated any provisions of this Part; and §978. A. (8) Violate any provisions of this Part.**

As further defined in the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46, Part XLVII. Nurses, Subpart 1, Practical Nurses, Section 306,T.

1. **being guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice practical nursing;**
8. **being guilty of unprofessional conduct;**
   - a. **failure to practice practical nursing in accordance with the standards normally expected;**
   - i. **falsifying records;**
   - t. **violating any provisions of R.S. 37:961 et seq. (the practical nursing practice act), as amended or aiding or abetting therein.**

In lieu of a formal hearing on the matter, the respondent consents to accept and abide by the following orders of the board:

1. That he be issued a Letter of Reprimand as disciplinary action against his license for the violations of the Nurse Practice Act.

2. That he be fined $500.00 for the violations of the Nurse Practice Act, payable by **cashier's check or money order only, within ninety (90) days of the acceptance of this order.**

Furthermore, the respondent is hereby notified and by signature _____ acknowledges and agrees that failure to comply with the orders of the board may result in any or all of the following:

VIOLATIONS

Failure to comply with any and/or all sections of this order may result in any and/or all of the following: a) immediate suspension of license, b) indefinite suspension of license, c) ineligibility for annual renewal of license, d) additional fines/penalties up to $500.00 per occurrence, e) increased probationary period, f) summary suspension, and/or g) revocation.

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LETTER OF REPRIMAND

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Furthermore, the respondent is hereby fined $500.00 for the above violations, payable by **cashier's check or money order only within ninety (90) days of the acceptance of this order**.

The board has jurisdiction over your license and hereby publicly reprimands you for violating the Nurse Practice Act. This letter of reprimand is considered disciplinary action by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners. This disciplinary action is reportable to all applicable state and federal agencies.

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M. Lynn Ansardi, R.N.
Executive Director

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CONSENT ORDER ACCEPTANCE

I, Comfort Roberts, agree that the board has jurisdiction over this matter. I specifically waive my right to contest these findings in any subsequent proceedings before the board. I understand that this consent order shall constitute as public record and is disciplinary action by the board.

I further acknowledge and attest that I have fully cooperated with the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners in resolving these charges, and intend to comply with all stipulations of this order.

I voluntarily agree to sign and have witnessed the terms of this order for the purpose of avoiding a formal hearing with the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

I do say that I freely, knowingly and voluntarily enter into this order. I understand that I have a right to a hearing in this matter and I freely waive such right. I understand that I have a right to legal counsel prior to entering into this order.

I understand that this order is effective immediately upon signature of the executive director and will become an order of the board. It is understood that this order does not preclude the Board of Practical Nurse Examiners from requiring a formal hearing of my case. I further understand that should the consent order not be accepted by the board, I agree that presentation to and consideration of the consent order, the documenting evidence and information by the board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the board or any of its members from participation in hearings or other proceedings pertaining to these or other matters regarding this respondent.

7/26/13
Signature of licensee Date

7/26/13
Signature of witness # 1 Date

Beverly Morgan 7/26/13
Signature of witness # 2 Date

Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners

M Lynn Ansardi R N 8/7/13
M. LYNN ANSARDI, R.N. Date
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR